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## REBELLION SKETCHES.

Lee's Maryland Campaign—McClellan's  
Last Chance to Reclaim Himself.

The Race for Harper's Ferry and Capture of its  
Garrison—Battle of Antietam and Retreat of  
Lee—McClellan Supremacy.

Gen. McClellan was again in command. How it came about is one of the mysteries of those days of untraveled enigmas. He had lost most of the military prestige with the campaign of the Peninsula. He had but ill disguised his dissatisfaction with the administration, and because his recall to Washington had sent an offensive telegram to the president, in which he defiantly said: "If I save this army now, I tell you plainly that I owe no thanks to you or to any person in Washington. You have done your best to sacrifice this army." It is doubtful if any officer save Gen. McClellan would have dared under any circumstances during the war to have sent such an annihilation, not to say ungentlemanly, dispatch to the chief executive of the nation. In any other country of the world he would have been immediately put under arrest and court-martialed. But President Lincoln had no honor and no dignity at stake in the controversy that was now overshadowed by and absorbed in his great purpose to preserve the integrity of the nation; and he generously passed by this personal insult, while he gave the disgraced commander another chance to prove his mettle and reclaim his lost glory, hoping that under his leadership all might yet prove satisfactory.

Gen. Pope had been effectually dispossessed of West Jackson and Longstreet had not accomplished by superb generalship and hard fighting

fortify and strengthen his position, but had not done so, and, strangely enough, persisted in keeping his whole force in the town, which could be taken from three prominent mountain points, both with artillery and infantry. The feebleness of this resistance has led to the expression of a belief that Lee was fainthearted, and designed to surrender his command. A number of stories have been told of him, going to show that he was not true to his trust, and it is said a Confederate officer who had been captured and allowed to go within the attacking force. Miles did not live to tell the story. During the heat of the engagement, and after he had hoisted the white flag, a cannon ball carried away his head. Had he not been killed, doubtless another investigation would have been made, and the press of the land would have had a spirited and lengthy controversy. His death saved congress and the nation this doubtful pastime.

Finding the garrison already captured, McClellan pushed on after the retreating Jackson, now making a dash to regain Lee in the Antietam valley. A short march brought the head of the Union army to Antietam creek, which empties into the Potomac six miles above Harper's Ferry. On the high ground forming the west bank of this small stream, Lee had taken his stand; not from choice, but from necessity. He had not yet gathered all his scattered command, and was forced still to wait.

## BATTLE OF ANTIETAM.

The Union army was now on the opposite bank of Antietam creek; but here a delay of several hours occurred, which enabled Jackson to reach the battle line, and it was late on the afternoon of September 16th, before the battle opened, though several hours of artillery practice had preceded. The stream, though narrow, is deep, and could be crossed only by four bridges, three of which were held by the enemy. The first advance was made by throwing Hooker's corps over an un-

known day and wisely conducted, Lee's army should have been routed if not destroyed.

A month was consumed in reeling the army and replacing necessary supplies, while it remained in the vicinity of Harper's Ferry. Here a new controversy arose with the authorities at Washington, and McClellan was soon after removed from command, while still in the field in the midst of plans for another campaign against Lee. The same order which removed McClellan placed Major-General Burnside in command.

These two officers were special friends, and when McClellan received this order Burnside was in his tent; he quietly handed him the order and thus terminated his connection with the army of the Potomac and his military career.

## GEN. McCLELLAN'S CAREER.

Was a strange one. He was the child of some grave misfortunes. He came into public notice with a reputation not warranted by his past achievements. His appointment was made at a time when command-in-chief was little more than a name. It was his misfortune to be connected with the field operations of the army of the Potomac, and charged with the defense of Washington, the danger to which was always more a vision than a reality. The first move was toward the north from the vicinity of Richmond, was always interpreted as an intended attack on the capital; and the whole war history fails to show that at any time such a thing was seriously contemplated by the Confederates. These constant frights disorganized some field campaigns as often as they occurred, and orders for movements and counter-movements of troops at such times were always arbitrary and generally useless. These orders invariably came from Washington, and usually with no knowledge of the absolute damage to campaigns in the field. McClellan, no less than all who went before and all who came after during the first part of the war, was constantly annoyed by this interference of the war department.

Another misfortune was that the authorities at Washington were constantly interfered with by jealous and aspiring officers. The city was overrun by commanders whose chief business was to show their own power and ability, and

## PIONEER DAYS.

Scraps of Early History—Boyhood and Youth of NeSmith.

Great Value of Early History to the Settlement of Oregon—How the Settlers Were Persecuted and Aided.

Last week the story of J. W. NeSmith was given in connection with the migration of 1843. Now that he is gone and his life work finished, everything pertaining to his life and even his ancestry will possess interest and be eagerly read.

The NeSmiths came originally from Scotland and moved to the north of Ireland, making their home in the valley of the River Ban, near the city of Londonderry, and in 1832 crossed the Atlantic and became part of a colony that established Derry, New Hampshire. In behalf of our faith in heredity we say that the NeSmiths and NeSmiths are of the same stock, and James NeSmith, the great inventor who made the early decades of the present century illustrious by his creation of the trip hammer run by steam, who improved telescopes and invented ordnance, was of the same English stock that furnished James W. NeSmith of Oregon.

## JAMES W. NESMITH.

Was born about 1820 in the border land between the United States and New Brunswick, the disputed title of which region almost led to open war. He was the son of William Morrison NeSmith, an old grand-grandson of Deacon NeSmith, whose father came in 1832 from the valley of the River Ban, New Londonderry, in Ireland, and became one of the founders of the colony that settled at Derry, New Hampshire, and who was very prominent in the annals of early colonial times.

It is not easy to overestimate the great value of the various relations to the community struggling into life on the far Pacific coast. It is true that they came here to establish missions among the Indians and that in a great measure they failed to civilize or christianize the nations they came to teach. But they were here and took an active and important part in organizing the early society and establishing order and civilization as well as in founding schools for the education of the rising generation. It is very easy to criticize and condemn, so it is well enough for those who cheer at the failure of

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